

## REMARKS

Claims 3-9 and 11 are currently active.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 3 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §112. In regard to Claim 3, "taking a focal stack of a fourth well" has nothing to do with wells 1, 2 or 3. It is dependent.

Claim 10 has been canceled.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 4 and Claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 4 and 9 have been amended to obviate this rejection.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 3-11 as being anticipated by Bahnson. In view of the claim of priority to Bahnson in regard to the above-identified patent application, this rejection is traversed. A Declaration executed by the inventors of the above-identified patent application claiming priority from U.S. patent application 09/904,144 was previously submitted. This claim of priority removes Bahnson from the prior art. Accordingly, this rejection is obviated.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 4-11 as being anticipated by Greenberger. In view of the amendments to the claims, Greenberger does not anticipate Claims 4-11.

Greenberger does not teach or suggest a cell in a first well of a plate having a methyl cellulose concentration of approximately 1 to 4% of the total volume of the solution.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejections and objections to this application be reconsidered and withdrawn, and Claims 3-9 and 11, now in this application be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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